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April 17, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
MANHATTAN BEACH PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Manhattan Beach Pump Station Modifications, in the City of Manhattan Beach (4), at an estimated cost between \$71,000 and \$82,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on May 27, 2003.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

5. Authorized the Director of Public Works to pay the Industrial Connection Fee of \$229,806.90 to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to connect the proposed low-flow diversion system to their facilities for treatment.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost and approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds submitted by the contractor.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action involves contracting for the construction of a low-flow diversion system including a pump, control system, 3-inch force main, and modifications to an existing pump station.

We are also recommending that your Board delegate to the Director of Public Works the authority to award and execute the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder within the estimated construction cost or less. The delegation of this authority allows us to expedite the contracting process so that the contractor will be available to complete the work prior to the storm season.

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the construction of structural measures to divert low flows in storm drains to sewage treatment systems.

The Industrial Connection Fee of \$229,806.90 is required by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for issuance of the Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Your authorization is necessary for Public Works to pay the fee.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will reduce contamination in our storm drain system and prevent it from entering the downstream receiving waters. In addition, it meets the goal of Fiscal Responsibility by utilizing grant funding from an outside agency.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated construction cost including the Industrial Connection Fee is in the range of \$300,000 to \$310,000. The annual surcharge fee is estimated to be \$17,600.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has granted \$200,000 toward the design and construction of this water quality improvement project. The Flood Control District will finance the remainder of the project costs in excess of SWRCB's contribution.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District. Financing for future annual surcharge fees will be made available from future Flood Control District budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e), (i), (l), and (u), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions 1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, 2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, and 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

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The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2003. Upon completion of construction, the Flood Control District will be responsible for future operation, maintenance, repair, and payment of annual treatment fees to County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County for the diversion. Local residents and businesses will not be impacted during the construction.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

MANHATTAN BEACH PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accord with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the construction of a low flow diversion system including a pump, control system, 3-inch HDPE force main and reinforced concrete outlet structure, modifications to an existing pump station including sump reconstruction, and other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0000846, Manhattan Beach Pump Station Modifications, in the City of Manhattan Beach.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, west side of main lobby, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$71,000 and \$82,000 and shall be completed in 40 working days. The Work requires a California Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. James Enriquez at (626) 458-7844.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$25, including postage and handling if mailed, at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the three forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated April 29, 2003.

Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer
of the Board of Supervisors

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